

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AUGUST 9, 1946

The Board of Public Works met on August 9, 1946, in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meetings of June 13, 1946, July 9, 1946, and July 17, 1946, copies of which were sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

STATE EMPLOYEES: - Standard Salary Board report.

Governor O'Connor announced that the meeting had been called for the particular purpose of considering a report which he had received from the Standard Salary Board, making recommendations for increases in the salaries of State Employees.

The following is copy of the report which the Governor submitted to the Board for consideration:-

"EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF STANDARD SALARY BOARD
HELD AUGUST 8, 1946

" After discussion, on motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that all actions of the Standard Salary Board relating to general salary increases for all State employees be and the same are hereby rescinded, and in lieu thereof the following actions are taken and ordered submitted to the Governor for his consideration:

" 1. To discontinue as of August 31, 1946, the bonus and supplementary salary payments now being paid certain employees under the provisions of Chapter 1083 Acts of 1945, and the special \$15.00 per month payment to institutional employees receiving an annual salary of less than \$1,500.00 under Standard Salary Rule 4.

" 2. With respect to all standard salary scales which have not been increased since June 30, 1945, where the minimum of such salary scale is at present less than \$3,000.00 (except emergency and part-time employees), all annual salary rates comprising the standard salary scale for classifications existing as of June 30, 1945, be increased by the addition of \$400.00 to the present basic minimum rate applicable to each such classification and \$500.00 to the present basic maximum rate of each such classification, with proportionate increases of \$420.00, \$440.00, \$460.00, and \$480.00, respectively, to the four intermediate rates. This adjustment shall apply to only such employees as waive their rights to bonus payments under Chapter 1083 of the Acts of 1945 and additional compensation under Standard Salary Rule 4.

" 3. All standard salary scales on classifications existing on June 30, 1945, which have not been increased since June 30, 1945, and where the present minimum salary scale is \$3,000.00 or more (except emergency and part-time employees), all annual salary rates comprising the standard salary scale for classifications existing June 30, 1945, be increased by the addition of \$320.00 to the present basic minimum rate applicable to each such classification and \$400.00 to the present basic maximum rate of each such classification, with proportionate increases of \$336.00, \$352.00, \$368.00, and \$384.00, respectively, for the four intermediate salary rates.

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" 4. With respect to the standard salary scales on classifications existing on June 30, 1945, where the minimum scale was increased since June 30, 1945, but in an amount less than the increase to the minimum scale provided for in Recommendations 2 and 3 above, it is recommended that the increase provided in said Recommendations 2 and 3 above be granted to the extent that the minimum increase there provided shall exceed in each instance the increase granted in such minimum scale since June 30, 1945. This recommendation shall not apply to emergency or part-time employees.

" 5. All salary rates established on a flat basis per annum shall receive the maximum increase in accordance with all terms and conditions of Sections 2, 3, and 4.

" 6. All hourly rates being paid as of June 30, 1945, shall be increased by the addition of 15¢ per hour to the basic minimum, intermediate, and maximum hourly rates, excepting all rates that were increased in an amount equal to or more than 15¢ per hour since June 30, 1945. All hourly wage rates increased since June 30, 1945, in an amount less than 15¢ per hour shall receive an increase of the difference between 15¢ per hour and the amount of such increase granted since June 30, 1945.

" 7. That all of the above increases be made effective September 1, 1946."

The Governor stated that he is in accord with the recommendations of the Standard Salary Board and desired the Board of Public Works to do whatever is necessary on their part to carry out the recommendations of the Standard Salary Board.

Mr. Miles stated that he had discussed with the Attorney General the provisions of the law with respect to the existing additional compensation for State employees, as provided by the Budget for the fiscal year 1947, wherein the Board is given authority to terminate such payments upon the conclusion of World War II and that since World War II has not officially been terminated, the Board would be without authority to discontinue the payment of the additional compensation at this time. However, it is the opinion of the Attorney General that the State could provide a general increase in the salaries of State employees, with the understanding that in order to be eligible to receive the general increase State employees would have to waive any rights to which they are entitled under the provisions of the so-called "bonus law"; but that in cases where it would be to the advantage of employees to decline the general increase and claim salary based upon the additional compensation available to them in the "bonus law", they were entitled to take this position and could be paid accordingly.

Mr. Miles further stated that he also discussed with the Attorney General the matter of payment of increases in salary and was advised that it would be in order to do this on the basis that the Legislature would be expected to provide the necessary appropriation at its 1947 Session to supplement the Budget for 1947 so that the State Treasury would have the necessary authority to take care of the salary increases from September 1, 1946, the date on which they would become effective, until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1947.

It was also pointed out that it would be necessary, in carrying out the recommendations of the Standard Salary Board, to terminate, as of September 1, 1946, the authority previously given by the Board of Public Works for the special payment of \$15.00 per month, additional, to employees of State institutions receiving less than \$1,500.00 annually, as emergency compensation, because of these employees being eligible to receive the salary increases recommended by the Standard Salary Board.

It was moved by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Tawes, and unanimously carried, that the authority heretofore given by the Board of Public Works for additional compensation of \$15.00 per month to employees of State institutions, receiving annual salary of less than \$1,500.00, be terminated as of September 1, 1946, when such annual salary is supplemented by the general increases recommended by the Standard Salary Board; and that in the event a

a State employee declines to waive the additional compensation of \$180.00 provided in the Acts of 1945, he can elect to have the additional compensation paid to him by waiving any rights he might have to the general salary increases provided in the recommendation of the Standard Salary Board.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that the recommendations of the Standard Salary Board, as set forth above, be adopted, effective September 1, 1946. The Board agreed to leave to Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker the matter of working out the mechanics necessary to give effect to this matter.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letters dated June 12, and June 21, 1946, from the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development recommending an extension of time in which to complete the preparation of plans and specifications for the following projects:-

<u>Offer No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Date Recommended</u>
Frederick County-		
28	10-1-a New Design-Manor Woods Road.	May 28, 1946
29	10-1-b Manor Woods Road	May 28, 1946
30	10-1-c Gas House Pike-McKaig Road	May 28, 1946
32	10-1-e Liberty-Daysville Road	May 28, 1946
33	10-1-f Greenfield Road	May 28, 1946
34	10-1-g Legore-Rocky Ridge Road	May 28, 1946
35	10-1-h Johnsville-New Midway Road	May 28, 1946
36	10-1-j Souder Road	May 28, 1946
31	10-1-d Thurston Road	June 19, 1946
37	10-1-k Dublin Road	June 19, 1946.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Commission.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file of correspondence between Mr. Clarke Gardner, City Engineer, Salisbury, Maryland, the Maryland Commission on Postwar Reconstruction and development, and himself, relative to the State grant of \$9,000 previously authorized for the City of Salisbury for a Garbage Incinerator and Sewage Treatment Plant. Attention was called to the fact that Referendum vote of May 7, 1946, approved this project but that, under the provisions of the Legislative Act approved by the voters, the preparation of plans and specifications is the prerogative of the Salisbury Incinerator and Sewage Treatment Plant Commission and that it was, therefore, impossible to begin work on plans and specifications until the voters approved the Act.

The Board stated the grant would be made available to the City of Salisbury when the Commission duly certifies that the City of Salisbury has complied with the necessary requirements in such cases.

The Board approved request of the Department of Motor Vehicles, through Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher, architect, for authority to install a new electric dumbwaiter for use in connection with the moving of license tags from the storage space in the basement to the Cashier's Department, at a cost of \$2,800 additional to the present contract for postwar construction for that Department, and authorized an allotment of this amount from the Post War Fund.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letter received from Maryland Training School for Boys advising that the Board of Managers of that institution feels the projects for the school should be given preference in the following order:-

- 1- Power Plant and Public Utilities
- 2- Treatment Plant
- 3- Five cottages be renovated
- 4- Cottage #8 be built
- 5- Chapel and auditorium
- 6- Staff quarters.

The Board approved listing the projects in the order of preference, but with the understanding that such projects shall be within the allotments made to the school for postwar construction.

The Secretary advised the Board that he had received through the office of the Attorney General refund of the amount of \$5,000 which the State had paid as deposit on the property of the Whitaker Iron Company, which was considered as the site for the Maryland Training School for Colored Boys. The contract in this case was disaffirmed because of difficulties in connection with the title. This check in the amount of \$5,000 of Randall H. Hagner & Company, Inc. was deposited promptly upon its receipt.

The Board approved for payment bill of the Maryland Title Guarantee Company covering title examination for the Whitaker Iron Company property on the Old Annapolis Road contracted for as a site for the Maryland Training School for Colored Boys.

In considering the matter of construction for the Department of Health, Mr. Kirkman advised the Board he understood further recommendations would be made by the Department in this connection and it was agreed to take no action as to proceeding with construction until such recommendations had been received.

The Secretary reported to the Board that Mr. Riggin Buckler, of the firm of Buckler & Fenhagen, architects, for the building to be erected at Mt. Wilson Tuberculosis Sanatorium to house staff members, had advised him that the fee to be charged the State for the services of his firm would be \$1,500.00, being 6% on the amount of \$25,000 which had been originally made available for the cost of this construction instead of the fee being based on the amount of the contract, \$36,467.00, the excess being due to the increased cost of labor and materials entering into the construction of the building.

The members of the Board expressed appreciation for the consideration shown by Messrs. Buckler and Fenhagen in cooperating with the State in trying to keep its construction costs as low as possible.

Upon recommendation of the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development, the Board approved applications received for payment of the State Grant as follows, and authorized the State Comptroller to make payment accordingly.

Mayor and Council of Salisbury-		
Project No. 22-D-2	\$1,249.00	
Project No. 22-D-4	825.00	\$2,074.00
Frederick County Roads Board-		
Project No. 10-1-a	\$ 188.00	
Project No. 10-1-a	242.95	
Project No. 10-1-c	300.00	
Project No. 10-1-d	150.00	
Project No. 10-1-e	375.00	

Project No. 10-1-f	\$436.82	
Project No. 10-1-g	149.12	
Project No. 10-1-h	163.00	
Project No. 10-1-j	333.52	
Project No. 10-1-k	<u>218.32</u>	\$2,556.73
Board of Education of Wicomico County-		
Project No. 22-4	<u>\$1,020.00</u>	1,020.00

The Board approved payments which were made from the Post War Construction Fund since the last meeting of the Board (May 29, 1946) when such invoices were considered, as follows:-

Department of Geology, Mines & Water Resources:

Joseph T. Singewald, Jr.	\$ 146.21
Elaine Shifflett	10.50
John S. Hyde	109.38
Continental Block Co.	196.00
Noland Co., Inc.	146.40
Ted Stroud	336.00
The Lexington Park Co.	140.00
Treasurer of the U. S.	4,194.29
Contee Sand & Gravel Co.	142.88
John S. Hyde	208.50
Ted Stroud	180.00
Charles J. Everist	238.00
Leslie E. Savage	130.40

Department of Motor Vehicles:

The Costanza Construction Co.	8,229.24
" " " "	7,066.94
Elmer D. Free	104.40
Fay Kern	2.80
J. Spence Howard	55.00
The Costanza Construction Fund	8,254.00
" " " "	8,997.12

Department of Research & Education:

A. & G. Insulators	343.00
Wm. Sherrill Parran	2,150.00

Eastern Shore Chronic Disease Hospital:

County Trust Company, Trustee for	
J. Roland Dashiell	27,472.99
" " " "	9,565.52
Edwin Wilson Booth	30,529.82
The A.S. Abell Co.	84.60

Maryland State Police:

O. Eugene Adams	1,848.00
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Maryland Training School for Boys:

The Conway Co.	322.75
C. H. Lears	142.00
G. Fred Kranz Music Co.	85.00
Stenger Music House & Studio	65.00
Harry T. Campbell Sons Corp.	22.05
Robert S. Green	167.68
Baltimore Gas Light Com.	49.04
Baltimore Machine Works	20.14
Budeke's	66.25
R. S. Bugg	270.00
Harry T. Campbell Sons' Corp.	15.57
Carey Machinery & Supply Co.	322.00
The Conway Co.	105.45
Crane Co.	42.56
Hammann's Music Store	77.50
M. D. Hoffacker	60.00
Charles C. Mertz	355.00
The White Co.	197.80
Charles A. Woolsey	60.00
Baltimore Gas & Light Co.	20.43
Harry T. Campbell Sons, Corp.	80.50
Hammann's Music Store	86.00
The May Co.	157.69
Montgomery Ward	63.75
National Lamp Co.	77.45

Harry T. Campbell Sons' Corp	\$166.75
Hochschild, Kohn & Co.	675.00
Maryland Training School for Colored Girls:	
Frederic A. Fletcher	1,680.00
J. Spence Howard	55.00
F. A. Davis & Sons	155.15
Joseph C. Sippel, Jr.	490.75
Baltimore Gas Light Co.	14.55
Gomprecht & Benesch	839.10
Windsor Construction Co.	1,060.00
Webster Waterproofing Co.	3,150.00
Hutzler Bros. Co.	300.00
McDowell & Co., Inc.	106.20
Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium:	
Buckler & Fenhagen	16,200.00
Military Department:	
Windsor Construction Co.	5,398.78
Blair Bros.	750.00
W. Earl Hershey	274.00
T. Dan Kolker	868.40
Windsor Construction Co.	374.25
Windsor Construction Co.	1,094.21
F. J. Hamilton	399.00
W. M. Patterson & Co.	770.00
George H. Schaffer	386.86
Windsor Construction Co.	3,436.91
Windsor Construction Co.	1,517.12
John W. Storey	390.00
Henry A. Knott, Inc.	1,874.76
T. Dan Kolker	868.40
Superior Painting Co.	4,532.00
W. Earl Hershey	435.05
Windsor Construction Co.	3,756.64
The Miners Hospital: S. Russ Minter	192.00
Morgan State College:	
Taylor & Fisher	3,939.99
Gaudreau & Gaudreau	1,803.20
Rosewood State Training School:	
Henry Powell Hopkins	18,715.80
Springfield State Hospital:	
The Mullan Contracting Co.	16,046.10
Charles T. King Co., Inc.	2,880.00
Charles T. King Co., Inc.	495.00
The Mullan Contracting Co.	18,262.80
Chas. T. King Co., Inc.	621.00
The Mullan Contracting Co.	11,762.10
Chas. T. King Co., Inc.	1,505.69
Spring Grove State Hospital:	
F. A. Davis & Sons	660.00
University of Maryland:	
Harry Hall	40.92
A. H. Smith	26.25
Super Concrete Corp.	33.80
The Austin Co.	50,000.00
Barrett-Buchanan Co.	10.59
Blumenthal-Kahn Electric Co.	3,150.00
Ernest Brannock	2,700.00
Edward A. Burnap	189.60
H. E. Cann Co.	832.00
Harry Hall	48.36
Allen Tyler & Son	1,350.00
Burnap-Owens Construction Co.	3,000.00
Bollinger-Leland Co.	2,376.00
R. E. Morrison	1,500.00
Lucius R. White, Jr.	10,800.00
The Austin Co.	42,154.00

E. C. Ernst, Inc.	\$ 26.32
S. D. Moses	86.42
Working Fund Account	.94
Working Fund Payroll	1,012.43
" " "	552.18
" " "	482.00
Bentham-Blayney	1.82
Working Fund Payroll	468.60
Harry Hall	55.80
Working Fund	549.52
Thomas B. McNeill	60.00
Edward A. Burnap	116.16
American Oil Co.	11.54

Cheltenham School for Boys:

Charles J. Spielman Co., Inc.	28,024.43
(This much represents the full amount due on contract for \$100,000 for the construction of a Sewerage Disposal Plant at the school.)	
Ross & Walton	291.90
Herring & McCall	4,865.00

The Board also discussed the construction program at the University of Maryland and advised Dr. Byrd, who appeared before the Board at this meeting, it would not be possible to approve his request for authority to employ the Burnap-Owens Construction Co., for this construction in accordance with the program outlined by Dr. Byrd in his request to contractors for prices for the doing of the construction work on the basis of the contractor receiving a fixed-fee for superintending or managing construction, with the University purchasing all materials and making all sub-contracts, or with contractors doing this, whichever method would be to the advantage of the State, until the Board could be advised by the Attorney General as to whether it would be legal to proceed in this manner. The Governor stated he had already brought to the attention of the Attorney General the Board's inquiry, but since he had not received a reply to the inquiry, it would not be possible to approve Dr. Byrd's request. The Governor stated he would contact the Attorney General and request that a prompt reply be given in the matter.

The Governor stated that he had received a report from the State Roads Commission pertaining to the study which the Right-of-Way Department of the Commission had been making in connection with land available for the proposed Park site at Lusby.

After discussing the report, it was apparent that the cost of the land involved in this site would be somewhat in excess of the amount available for the purpose of a site in that section and it was decided to not take any action in connection with the offer of Mr. Bancroft to sell to the State the 750-acre tract bordering on St. John's Creek and St. Leonard's Creek, at a price of \$70,000, with the offer holding good only until Saturday noon August 10, 1946. It was felt that with \$150,000 being allocated for the Matapeake site, leaving \$100,000 for other sites, it would not be in order to use the greater part of the \$100,000 in purchasing one of the several pieces of property which would be necessary to carry out the recommendations in connection with the Lusby site.

The Board stated that it might be desirable to consider the purchase of the Drum Point site and that if, in the opinion of the Committee, this site would be desirable and it could be purchased for a reasonable sum, it would provide sufficient land for a site and at the same time leave money available for improvements. The Board also felt that in the event it was decided to eliminate the Drum Point site it would be in order to obtain options on the property included in the Lusby site if these options could be obtained at a cost not in excess of \$5,000, so that the matter of going thru with the purchase of the site and providing the necessary funds could be presented to the General Assembly at the 1947 Session, for approval of the necessary funds.

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COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from the Bureau of Mines requesting information as to whether it would be in order for a refund to be made to the Caton Coal Company, Inc. covering Weighmaster License No. 176-D, issued to Emil Grebe, employe of the Caton Coal Company, in the amount of \$10.00. This license was issued for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and Mr. Grebe died on June 26, 1946, before he had any opportunity to make use of the license issued.

Under the circumstances, the Board authorized the Comptroller to make payment of a refund in this case.

The Board approved payment of the following refunds from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #17:-

Title Tax:	\$208.17
Kenneth Dorsey Ewing	\$12.09.
Chas. McLean Holmes	19.18.
James Hancock Boyle	10.14.
Salawith Auto Parts Co.	47.68.
Hiram Otho Shives	9.59.
Wally Mathias	12.77.
Anderson Motor Co.	9.56.
Ethel May Leydecker	16.17.
Luther Augustus Lane	21.97.
Ashley A. Aderholdt	13.21.
Monumental Motor Tours, Inc.	20.02.
Doris Chisler Phillips	15.79.

The Board also approved payment of the following refunds from Item No. 208-C of the budget of the State Tax Commission:-

Franchise Tax:	\$685.25
Ferris-Noeth-Stern Co.	\$10.00
Straight Improvement Co., Inc.	25.00
Carroll Co.	25.00
National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.	15.00
John B. Kelly, Inc.	25.00
Hartol Petroleum Corp.	25.00
Capitol Greyhound Lines	25.00
Schuster & Co., Inc.	5.00
Monumental Copr.	10.00
Reid Motor Co., Inc.	5.00
Mount Vernon Distillery Employees' Credit Union	10.00
Kress Dairy Employees' Assoc.	10.00
Engineers Club of Baltimore, Inc.	10.00
Muskin Shoe Co.	85.00
Smith's, Inc.	10.00
Spector Holding Co.	10.00
United Food Stores, Inc.	10.00
Applefeld Clothing Mfg. Co., Inc.	15.00
Income Foundation Fund, Inc.	20.00
Frank G. Schenuit Rubber Co.	75.00
Treasurer of Maryland	.25 (Saumenig Realty Co.)
Treasurer of Maryland	180.00 (Gunther Brewing Co.)
Treasurer of Maryland	5.00 (Pers. Proper.-Capital Broadcasting Co.)
Gunther Brewing Co., Inc.	45.00
Blue Crest Coal Co., Inc.	10.00
Francis A. Blundon, Inc.	5.00
Modern Homes, Inc.	15.00.

COURT COSTS:

The Board approved the payment of \$299.40 from Item 207 of the budget of the Board of Public Works, covering costs in the matter of printing 100 copies of Brief in the matter of "The State of New York, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin and The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. The United States of America", being the share of the State of Maryland in this expense.

The Board also approved payment of \$80.10 from Item 207 of the budget of the Board of Public Works to Charles I. Kratz for services rendered in furnishing transcript of testimony in the cases of Western Maryland Railway Co. vs. State Tax Commission, and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. vs State Tax Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISH:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Harold Smith Kolmer, Secretary, Department of Game and Inland Fish, dated July 30, 1946, wherein request was made for the approval of the Board to the purchase of two parcels of land on Beaver Creek, in Washington County, at a cost of \$18,500 plus attorney fees of \$1,000, for a modern fish hatchery, and with payment to be made by September 1, 1946. Mr. Kolmer set forth in detail efforts made to obtain these properties previously, without success. The properties in question were originally offered to the State by:

C. E. Dennis and Urma A. Dennis, situated approximately 3/4 of a mile north of Beaver Creek, containing 4 acres and 34 perches of land, at a cost of \$35,000; and
Clifford B. Houpt and Bertie E. Martz, 5.75 acres situate on Beaver Creek, at a cost of \$18,000.

The Commission decided to exercise the provisions contained in the Acts of 1945, Chapter 730, Section 75, and requested the Attorney General to institute condemnation proceedings in both cases, with the result that the State is now able to obtain these two parcels of land for \$12,500.00 and \$6,000.00, respectively, plus attorney fees of \$1,000.00, which includes all surveys, searching of titles, etc.

The Board approved the purchases requested, with payment to be made from the Angler's License Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board advice received from Mr. Joseph F. Kaylor, State Forester, that the License Agreement which had been executed between the State of Maryland and Lewis A. Mogart and J. H. Gischner permitting them to mine privately owned minerals underlying Federally owned land in Maryland (Tract 135) did not become operative because the licensees did not begin operations within the period of eight months as required by the agreement, and that the licensees are, at this time, requesting authority to proceed with the operations originally contemplated. The operations would be on land owned by the United States of America but leased to the State for forestry projects. The office of the Secretary of Agriculture will be agreeable to the execution of a new License Agreement at this time, and Mr. Kaylor had advised the Secretary that he recommends the execution of a new Agreement.

The Board approved the execution of a new License Agreement for this strip mining in Western Maryland, duplicating the covenants of the first Agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, wherein it was stated that the Department had decided to retain as a Conservation Patrol Boat the vessel which had recently been confiscated, being No. 13 D 235, and which the Board had authorized the Department to sell.

The Board was agreeable to this decision.

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LEASES:

The Board authorized Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker to proceed with the preparation and execution of whatever leases should be taken care of at this time, and to report such action to the Board at the next meeting.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

The Board approved payment of List No. 2 for the fiscal year 1947 in the amount of \$200.00, drawn against the Scholarship Fund-Morgan State College. As the Department of Budget and Procurement had been unable to verify this List against the report of the Committee on State Scholarships, the Board ordered that letter dated July 23, 1946, to the Department of Budget and Procurement, signed by Ivan E. McDougale, Chairman, and Edward N. Wilson, Secretary, relative to this matter, be made a part of the file in this matter.

REGISTER OF WILLS:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board letter received from Mr. Joseph P. Connor, Register of Wills for Baltimore County, dated July 30, 1946, wherein request was made for authority to abate the inheritance taxes of \$7.38 shown to be due in the Estate of Mary E. Muller, as no funds are available to the Executor for such payment.

The Board approved the abatement of these taxes.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board communication dated July 25, 1946, from Mr. Joseph P. Connor, Register of Wills for Baltimore County, together with copy of letter Mr. Connor received from the State Law Department under date of April 6, 1946, in which request is made that authority be given to allow the case of the Estate of Anna B. C. Hambleton to remain closed and that no effort be made to collect any additional tax. Mr. Hall Hammond, Deputy Attorney General, when questioned as to whether additional taxes are due in this estate, by reason of the case of Bouse v. Hutzler, 180 Md. 682, advised that inasmuch as this estate was fully settled prior to the decision in the case mentioned, it would be unfair to reopen the matter at this time and recommended that the case remain closed.

After considering the matter fully, the Board approved request of Mr. Connor.

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board letter which had been received under date of July 19, 1946 from Spring Grove State Hospital, calling attention to Supplemental No. 10 to Scale, revised July 1, 1945, which increases the salary scale in several classifications in the classified service. It was stated that classifications for Blacksmith, Chauffeur I, Chauffeur II, and Shop Foreman I were affected by this Supplement, effective May 1, 1946, but that when the notice was received at the hospital their salary accounts for 1946 were closed.

As it is necessary to make salary adjustments in these classifications for May and June, 1946, and the accounts of the institution having been closed, the Board approved the payment of such adjustments out of the 1947 budget of Spring Grove State Hospital.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

Upon the recommendation of the State Roads Commission, the Board approved an extension of sick leave for Nathaniel Stewart, Chauffeur, for the period April 25 to June 24, 1946.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board request received from Dr. T. G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools, for authority to deed to the City of Salisbury a strip of land the entire length of the south side of the State Teachers College-Salisbury, said strip to extend up to the trees and be not more than 25 feet wide. The Board of County Commissioners of Wicomico County desire to use this strip of land for the construction of a street. The State Board of Education, at a meeting May 29, 1946, approved the deeding of this land as requested.

The Board approved request of Dr. Pullen.

*Letter dated Nov. 21, 1946, from Miss Batement, advises that correct wording is "to the Board of County Commissioners, Wicomico County".

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STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Board gave formal approval to request of the State Roads Commission for authority to purchase 4 acres of land in Elkton, at \$200 per acre, to be used to enlarge the facilities of the Commission already existing at that location.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a statement of the Accounts Receivable of the State Roads Commission as of June 30, 1946, totaling \$20,538.84. The Board was advised that under dates of February 5, 1946 and June 6, 1946, there had been forwarded to Mr. K. Thomas Everngam, Special Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Commission, a list of items, asking that appropriate action be taken to enforce payment of these items. The amount of the items involved is \$4,143.50 and under dates of February 6 and June 12, 1946, Mr. Everngam advised the Commission "The items involved were largely uncollectible and unjustified claims". This amount of \$4,143.50 is included in the total at June 30, 1946, of \$20,538.84.

After reviewing the statement, and recommendations of Mr. Everngam, the Board authorized the State Roads Commission to write off as uncollectible the items totaling \$4,143.50, at the same time requesting that efforts be continued to collect the other items appearing in the June 30, 1946 total.

STATE TAX COMMISSION:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board transmittal which had been received from the State Tax Commission covering expenses of Mr. Joseph H. A. Rogan, Chairman, all of which were incurred in the fiscal year 1946 but which had not been submitted to the Treasury Department until July 10, 1946.

After reviewing the matter, the Board authorized the payment of these items from the 1947 budget of the State Tax Commission.

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE:

The Board approved action of the State Tobacco Warehouse in entering into a contract, after approval of the Department of Budget and Procurement, with the Enterprise Roofing Company of Baltimore, to re-roof building "A" for the sum of \$4,500, payment to be made from the balance of the rent money from the Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard, Inc.

SURPLUS WAR PROPERTY DEPARTMENT:

The Board confirmed approval given since the last meeting for the continuance of the Surplus War Property Department for another month, because of the fact that the Department is in the midst of efforts to obtain additional equipment for the State which would exceed somewhat in value the amount which it would cost to continue the department for another month and as it would not be possible to close out the work being done by Col. Tipton as Custodian of property which was turned over to the State by the Federal Government for civilian defense use during the war, by the end of July 1946.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication and statement received from the Unemployment Compensation Board covering the fiscal activities of that Board for the quarter ended March 31, 1946, showing Interest Waive of \$2,418.84, and Adjustments, Abatements and Uncollectible Accounts of \$5,111.15. A letter from Mr. Albert A. Levin, Special Assistant Attorney General, accompanied the statement and recommended approval by the Board of Public Works of this report.

The Board approved the action of the Unemployment Compensation Board.

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WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board audit report dated July 19, 1946, which had been received from the State Auditor covering his examination of the accounts and records of the War Memorial Commission for the period May 1, 1942 to June 30, 1945. In this report attention was called to the fact that title to the property is still vested in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore although both the State and the City contributed to the cost of the construction of the building and Section 89 of Article 65 of the Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Code) provides that title to the site and building shall vest in the War Memorial Commission for the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

The Board instructed the Secretary to communicate with the Attorney General and request him to do whatever is necessary to correct this situation as promptly as possible, and to so advise the Board when the transaction is complete.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph O. Melusser
Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, appeared before the Board in connection with the budget which had previously been submitted covering a detail of the proposed expenditures for salaries and operating expenses for the fiscal year 1947. Dr. Byrd explained in detail the necessity for increases in the salaries of members of the faculty and certain others of the University who are not subject to the Standard Salary Scale. The employees who are subject to the Standard Salary Scale are provided for in the Budget in accordance with the salaries prescribed for the positions they hold.

As to the salary for Dr. Byrd, it was suggested that the Board of Public Works would be willing to have the Board of Regents make recommendations as to the salary it desires to pay Dr. Byrd this year. Upon receipt of such a recommendation, the Board of Public Works will give consideration to the salary for Dr. Byrd for the fiscal year 1947.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Dr. Byrd requesting that the allowance for mileage to State employees who use their own automobiles for State business be increased from six to eight cents per mile, due to the fact that complaints have been received from county agents, veterinary doctors, etc. that the present allowance is insufficient.

The Board was unwilling to approve an increase in the mileage allowance.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

The Board approved request of Montrose School for Girls that the sum of \$12,000 of the allotment to that institution in the postwar construction program be made available at this time, as follows:

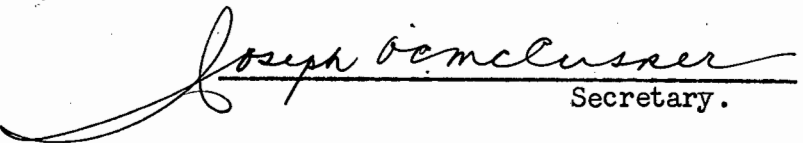
Hog House	\$4,500.00	Renovating Mansion	\$5,500
Extension of Six Inch Water Line		\$2,000.00.	

Joseph O. Melusser
Secretary.

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POST WAR CONSTRUCTION:

In connection with the establishment of the Park at Matapeake, the Board allocated the sum of \$150,000 to cover the cost of acquiring the necessary additional land and the improvements to be made thereto, and agreed that the Board of Natural Resources and the Department of State Forests and Parks should proceed with the acquisition of the parcels of land which it is contemplated should be purchased to complete the acreage thought necessary for the purpose. It is understood that there are about twelve (12) separate parcels of land constituting approximately 150 acres which it is desired be acquired to add to the land at Matapeake owned at the present time. The cost of this additional land, as estimated about a year ago, will run between \$50,000 and \$60,000.


Secretary.

